

Grenfell Support News

Soil and air contamination concerns raised at community meeting

On **Monday 29 October**, Grenfell United and the community held a meeting in Holland Park which gave local people the chance to ask questions about possible soil contamination following the Grenfell tragedy.

More than 300 people attended the meeting and put questions to a panel comprised of representatives from the Council, Public Health England (PHE), the Government Office for Science, the independent Site Management Team and an Independent expert on soil contamination.

The meeting was prompted by media coverage of unpublished research by Professor Anna Stec into possible soil contamination after Grenfell. In response to public concern, the Government has announced a programme of soil testing to identify any possible risks to health.

Several people raised concerns about asbestos and about debris from the Tower which has been stored in garages on the site. The Council have pledged to answer all questions raised at the meeting within a week and to ask the independent Site Management Team to remove the debris as soon as is practical.

You can read the questions and answers that were circulated at the meeting here bit.ly/2yHpSsN. The government's health advice to the public following the tragedy can be found here bit.ly/2s1UzHz. If you have any concerns about your health, please visit your GP.

If you have any concerns or queries you feel were not answered in the meeting, please email healthquestions@rbkc.gov.uk.

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New local lettings policy for Lancaster West and Bramley House

We have written to all residents who have a Lancaster West or Bramley House tenancy to ask for their views on the Council's draft 'Local Lettings Plan'. We have already worked closely with residents of the Lancaster West Estate and Bramley House, whose views have helped to shape the proposals. The plan will help residents who want to move to a more suitable home in the local area.

We are now keen to hear the views of Lancaster West and Bramley House residents on the draft plan. We're committed to consulting with as many people as possible. Workshops will also be arranged during November.

All eligible households under the Local Lettings Plan will soon receive an

information pack with a questionnaire. You can also find the consultation documents and online questionnaire link at www.grenfellsupport.org.uk/housing.

The consultation closes on **Friday 30 November**.



Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 5 November

- **1pm–3pm** - Healthy Hearts weight management course (10-weeks) Sign up every Wednesday with Olivia at The Curve from 10am to 12noon or email olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk
- **2pm–4pm** - Community Contact Team. Drop-in advice.
- **5pm–7pm** Homework Club for ages 11 to 18 with a qualified tutor (drop-in)
- **6pm–8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy at The Curve to book **020 7221 9836** (booking required)
- **6.30pm–7.30pm** - Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)
- **6.30pm–7.45pm** - Jambis presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome (drop-in)

Crèche: 9.30am–12noon and 12.30pm–3pm

Tuesday 6 November

- **10.30am–12.30pm** - CV workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **10am–3pm** - Fouzia's Sewing Club. Drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **10.30am–12.30pm** - ESOL/English Award in English Skills both speaking and listening. At entry level 1 and level 2 from Westway Trust. Accredited course (drop-in)
- **2pm–4pm** - Open Age Health and Wellbeing course for ages 50 plus. To book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**
- **4pm–5pm** - Shared Reading Group for adults and children. Contact Erin on **07483 972020** or erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk to find out more. Open to all reading abilities.

Crèche: 9.30am–11.30am and 12.30pm–3pm

Wednesday 7 November

- **10am–12noon** - The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10am–12noon** - ICT skills with Open Age. Enrol to attend all sessions. For more information and to book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**

- **10am–12noon** - Circle of Security parenting programme from Total Family Coaching and Parenting. The Circle of Security is an eight-week relationship-based early intervention programme designed to build attachment between parents and children. Contact info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk or call **020 8969 5554** or **07397 871 877**
- **10.30am–2.30pm** - Recruitment Day at the Curve. Opportunity to meet new employers and get information on available jobs and training opportunities (drop in)
- **12noon–2.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **1.15pm–3.15pm** - Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm–7pm** - Girls' youth group for ages 13 plus (run by Laura, for emotional health and wellbeing)
- **6pm–7pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **6pm–8pm** - Functional Skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **7pm–8pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am–12.30pm and 1pm–5pm

Thursday 8 November

- **10am–4pm** Clarion Housing Group – sessions, open to everyone. Help with job applications and CV writing (drop-in)
- **10am–12noon** - Open age presents Speak with Confidence (Drop-in)
- **10.30am–12.30pm** - Job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **2pm–6pm** - Home Office. Help with immigration and passport issues (drop-in)
- **3pm–5pm** - One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am–1.30pm and 2pm–3pm

Friday 9 November

- **11am–12noon** - Zumbini, Zumba for children (drop-in)
- **4pm–4.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Little warriors age 4 – 6 years (drop-in)
- **4.30pm–5.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Beginners 6 – 12 years (drop-in)
- **5.30pm–6.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Intermediate age 6 – 12 years (drop-in)
- **6.30pm–8pm** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Teens/Adults 13 years and above (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am–12noon and 12.30pm–5pm

Saturday 10 November

- **10am–12noon** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Six-week course. Contact Chrissy (booking required) **020 7221 9836**
- **2pm–4pm** - Jambis presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome. (drop-in)
- **2.30pm–3.30pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **3.30pm–4.30pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Sunday 11 November

- **11am–12noon** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Beginners 6 – 12 years (drop-in)
- **12noon–1pm** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Advanced 6 – 12 years (drop-in)
- **1pm–2.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo, the Korean art of self-defence. Teens/Adults 13 years and above (drop-in)



The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP

Some sessions need to be booked in advance to secure your place, so email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

To book a place in The Curve crèche, call **020 7221 9836** or email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

This information is provided weekly by The Curve Community Centre. For more information call **020 7221 9836**

Come and celebrate the Kensington and Chelsea Youth Forum Awards

The Epic CIC Youth Forum will be holding its annual Apollo Awards ceremony for outstanding achievements and endeavour in working with young people in the borough. This free event will be taking place on **Friday 9 November** at **The Tabernacle, W11 2AY** from **6pm**. Please register if you want to attend.

This is a chance to celebrate the achievement, development and dedication of young people and those in youth work across Kensington and Chelsea.

All the nominees either live, work, attend education in the borough, or use the borough's youth services.

Epic CIC believes that positive childhood memories can shape young people's confidence and help build a stable future. That's why this year's Apollo Awards theme is 'memories'. The event will look back at young people's journeys, recognise their achievements and create new happy memories for everyone involved.

The event will also feature performances, speeches and video stories from young people. This year the event will also welcome the London Youth Games winners and recognise their athletic achievements.

For more information or if you wish to attend, please contact ace@epiccic.org.uk or call **020 7938 8022**
epiccic.org.uk/apollo-awards



Ideas day for Building Stronger Communities

On **Saturday 17 November** from **10.30am to 4.30pm** we will be holding an ideas day at **Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX** where those of you who have already participated will be able to take a look at your feedback, check that your views have been accurately captured and make any further suggestions.

We will then pull everything together into a plan setting out what you've told us and the steps we will take to improve the lives of the residents of North Kensington.

We've had a lot of great feedback so far from you on what we can do to make North Kensington communities even stronger.

From finding better ways of matching your requirements for community activity spaces with what's available, to making sure local apprenticeship opportunities are better advertised, you've been clear about what you think would help.

We're still keen to hear from as many of you as possible, so please come down and have your say. If you can't make to the ideas day you can visit the website: strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk



Enterprise Week is coming

A series of free events for local business starts on 12 November, with the aim of providing new opportunities for networking and business development. Called Enterprise Week, it's a welcome opportunity arranged by the Council for budding entrepreneurs, sole traders, start-ups or even well-established small businesses based in the borough.

Features of the week, which ends on **16 November**, include a two-day business start-up course, how to pitch for new business seminar, one-to-one coach coaching sessions and a knowledge exchange with a panel of experts.

All sessions can be booked through www.rbkcenterpriseweek.com

Established local businesses supporting the week are The Workary, Kensington Creates, Innocent and the Museum of Brands.

Here's what will be happening on the first day:

- **Perfect Your Elevator Pitch, 9am to 11am**
Kensington Creates, 1 Silchester Rd, W10 6SB
- **Business Start-Up Course 10am to 4pm**
Portobello Business Centre, 6-7 Canalside House, 383 Ladbroke Grove, W10 5AA
- **The Lifepreneur: become the best version of yourself 5pm to 6pm**
Kensington Central Library, 12 Phillimore Walk, W8 7RX

Similar events will be taking place all over London and around the world, as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week

For further information and to book: www.rbkcenterpriseweek.com



Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important contacts

Grenfell Enquiries service

A one-stop-shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries or call **020 7745 6414**.

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk

The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am to 5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until **8pm**.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call the Home Office advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell. They will be able to direct you appropriately.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk The line is open 24 hours a day.

You can also get emotional and practical support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **020 7221 9836**.



Upcoming meetings

Residents welcome to attend.

Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee

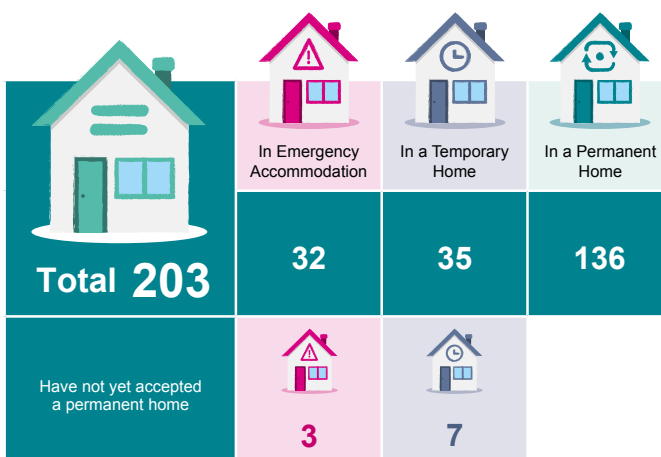
Tuesday 27 November, 6.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update



These are the figures for

1 November 2018



Drop-in with the Grenfell Inquiry Team

The Grenfell Inquiry Team will be hosting a drop-in on **Monday 5 November** at **Notting Hill Methodist Church, W11 4AH** from **4pm to 6.30pm**. If you have any questions about the Inquiry processes that you want to discuss in person, this is your chance to talk directly to the Inquiry team.



If you are unable to attend, then please make contact with the Inquiry and they can then arrange for individuals or small groups to speak with them at either a

separate meeting or by phone. The Inquiry can be contacted on contact@grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk or by phone on **0800 121 4282** or **020 7842 3583**. For regular updates on their work, follow [@GrenfellInquiry](https://twitter.com/GrenfellInquiry) on Twitter.

If you feel you need to talk more about anything to do with your emotional wellbeing, NHS and Hestia staff are available daily at the Inquiry.

Support is also available via www.grenfellwellbeing.com to self-refer or for any queries on **020 8637 6279**.

Job opportunities going on show

Are you looking for work? Then the Recruitment Fair on **7 November** may have just the opportunities you need.

A range of employers looking to recruit the right candidates will be exhibiting, including the London Fire Brigade, NHS, Lidl, Honest Burgers and Border Force.

Organised by The Curve Community Centre and Department for Work and Pensions, it's taking place from **10.30am** until **2.30pm** at **The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP**
Time: **10:30am to 2:30pm**

Complimentary refreshments will be available.

Changes to overnight support

The NHS is providing a targeted clinical service for those who feel that they require overnight support. We hope that the small number of people who have been previously using the overnight service at the Notting Hill Methodist Church will feel the benefit of the

continuing support provided by the NHS Outreach Team; this includes a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night, with home visits for those who require it. If you need to talk, anyone can call the night service on tel:

020 8962 4393, between **10pm** and **7am** seven days a week.

Users of the service are also encouraged to complete this survey so that the NHS knows what kind of support is wanted and needed. bit.ly/2ErWRqi.